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–SEEDIG 8 Annual Meeting: Fostering Digital Advancement of South Eastern Europe Through Regional Collaboration

SEEDIG, the South Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance, is excited to announce its 8th annual meeting to be held on 6-7 November 2023 at WESPA Business and Lounge in Zagreb, Croatia.

SEEDIG 8 will be held under the **overarching theme "Digital Beyond Borders: Regional Synergy for Community Advancement".** This theme emphasises the idea that in our increasingly interconnected digital world, the boundaries that traditionally defined countries are transcended by opportunities for collaboration and growth. SEEDIG 8 recognizes that cooperation across borders is essential for empowering local communities and offers a space where stakeholders from South Eastern Europe can connect, exchange insights about in-country projects and initiatives, and explore opportunities for enhanced synergies.

This year, SEEDIG's meeting is **co-hosted by Politiscope**, a privacy watchdog organisation headquartered in Split.

Who should attend? SEEDIG 8 is a must-attend event for anyone who wants to stay ahead of the curve and understand the issues at the intersection of internet governance, digital rights, and technological development. Whether you're a government official, business leader, university professor, civil society activist, or simply interested in technology, you'll find something valuable at SEEDIG 8.

Among SEEDIG's **key supporting organisations** are the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the Council of Europe, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Serbian National Internet Domain Registry Foundation (RNIDS), Internet Society Foundation, Open Society Foundations, Internet Governance Forum Supporting Association, European Registry for Internet Domains - EURid, Regional Internet Registry RIPE NCC, Serbian Open eXchange (SOX), Serbia's Commissioner for the Protection of Equality, Freedom House, Internews, and other regional and national institutions and organisations.

What's on the agenda? SEEDIG 8 offers a dynamic agenda featuring a diverse range of topics critical to the digital future. From keynote on internet fragmentation to panel discussions on open-source intelligence during the war, interplay between data protection and artificial intelligence, as well as the importance of content moderation and cooperation with big tech. During the interactive workshops participants will get hands-on experience on how companies deal with governmental requests for content take-down and get practical tips about improving organisational cyber resiliency. SEEDIG 8 also pilots the first regional launches of the Freedom on the Net and IDN World 2023 reports. On 6 November, SEEDIG will host a **business dating networking event**, where all participants will have a chance to briefly present their projects and initiatives and find opportunities for synergies with stakeholders from across the SEE region.

Visit **[SEEDIG 8 webpage](#)** for a detailed agenda and session information.

Working language: The official working language of SEEDIG 8 is English, ensuring accessibility for a wide range of participants from across the region.

Registration: The event is free to attend but requires registration. To register, please, fill in [this form.](#)